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AMONG PEOPLE IN DISTRIBUTED WORKING ENVIRONMENT

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Sir:


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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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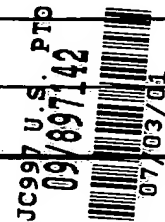
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